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with the diagnostic lab for the University and for livestock and what the committee amendment does, there was a variety of alternatives before us including expanding the number of people that were employed. Also additional salary enhancement for those currently in the program which I believe the introducer concurred in striking and the only portion that is left then in the committee amendment is in the amount of \$44,000 which would provide additional funding for three additional tests for the coming year that the diagnostic lab could provide. And I will let Senator Pappas explain what those three tests are.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, the three tests that the committee left in there is a test for leptospirosis, a test for microplasma pneumonia and a test for isolative specific ecoli and the test, leptospirosis, I don't know if very many people remember, it was brought up last year, it was dropped because of the lack of funding and equipment in the diagnostic area. During the summer, and to give you a little background, last year we did an extensive amount of research in working with the agricultural sector of the livestock industry and the veterinarians in the State of Nebraska on trying to put the diagnostic lab back into the position that it was originally intended to do with the North Platte station and the Lincoln operation plus the Scottsbluff area. And we came up with several committees and one committee came up with a three year plan of action and this is part of one year. Now the \$44,000 allocated, I think the appropriation bill will be for this or the bill is for, will fund these three tests, the equipment, the material needed to do it and plus one technician. Now some of it will be recovered after the first year so it won't be that much ongoing because of the fees received from diagnostic fees. I would urge the adoption of the committee amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, did you wish to close on the adoption of the committee amendments?

SENATOR WARNER: No.